



### THE HARMLESS LITTLE FLY.

The doctors have it in for me—  
I'm sure I don't know why.  
I'm just a cunning playful thing,  
A harmless little fly.

They lam me with a swatter,  
They trap me in a cage,  
They mire me in molasses  
Till I die in helpless rage.

They hold conventions on me—  
Read essays long and wise—  
And make **such** asses of themselves—  
'Bout harmless little flies!

It's true I'm none too careful  
As to where I place my feet.  
It's true I'm rather thoughtless  
About the things I eat.

I dote on garbage pudding.  
I could live on stable stew.  
I love to swim in sewers,  
And in the cream-jug, too.

The typhoid germ counts me his friend,  
Likewise my dear T. B.  
They find it hard to get around,  
They say, except for me.

I meet them at the sewer's mouth,  
With other bugs galore.  
They swarm upon my back and legs,  
And then I blithely soar.

Full straight unto the nursery  
I wing my joyous way.  
The door's ajar; the nurse is out  
(This is my lucky day!)

The baby sleeps. What fun to crawl  
Upon its rosy lips!  
And from its milk-cups standing by  
I steal such luscious sips.

And so thro' all the sunny day—  
You'd wonder if you knew  
The many pleasant little stunts  
One little fly can do.

But still the doctors lay for me—  
I'm sure I don't know why.  
The horrid, cruel, hateful brutes,—  
A harmless little fly!

—W. P. Millspaugh.

### BOOK REVIEWS

**The Clinical History in Outline.** By Paul G. Wooley. 53 Pages. Published by C. V. Mosby Co., St. Louis. Price, \$1.00.

We have in this book a short outline to be followed in the taking of histories and the making of physical examinations, such as is usually supplied students entering upon their clinical work; a slightly fuller outline to be followed in investigating the acute infectious diseases; and finally a list of symptoms with the conditions commonly giving rise to these individual symptoms. The student should find it helpful in his first few weeks of clinical work, but should very soon outgrow it. For the physician with any clinical training, there are many standard works which more thoroughly cover the ground. W. W. B.

**Anatomy and Physiology. A Textbook for Nurses.** By John Forsyth Little, M. D., Assistant Demonstrator of Anatomy, Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. Illustrated with 149 Engravings and 4 Plates. Lea & Febiger, Philadelphia and New York. 1914.

This is a condensed anatomy and physiology written in clear, concise style, well illustrated and well printed. The heavy type scattered through the pages and not only at the beginning of paragraphs permits of rapid reference on any subject. The questions at the end of each chapter are also an aid to study. The anatomy is more complete than usual in a nurses' course of study and this adds to the value of the book. In the past the very cutting out of much material made the text difficult to grasp. Perhaps this book might be made a little more attractive and readable if each sentence were not weighed to contain no extra word. As a reference book, this system is ideal—as a student's book a trifle difficult.

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**Infant Feeding.** By Clifford G. Grulee, A. M., M. D., Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at Rush Medical College, Chief of Pediatric Staff, Cook County Hospital. Second edition, thoroughly revised. Octavo of 314 pages, illustrated. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders Company. 1914. Cloth, \$3.00 net.

The author of this book has approached a very difficult subject, that of infant feeding in the proper way. He has taken it up in the only practical way, that of considering the question from the anatomical, physiological, bacteriological and metabolic standpoint. His viewpoint is essentially German and is a good presentation of the modern German school. He follows Finkelstein's classification of the disturbances of nutrition fairly closely, though we are glad to note he is not quite as rigid in his acceptance of this classification.

The closing chapters on Nutrition in Other Conditions are not as full as one would expect from the way he has handled the subject in the earlier chapters. For those who want to get acquainted with the German ideas in feeding this book will be found to be a very convenient way to do so, as his presentation of their views is very good. His illustrations are not up to the contents of the book. This book should be studied by all who are interested in the problem of infant feeding.

W. P. L.

**The Diseases of Children.** By Henry Enos Tuley, M. D., late Professor of Obstetrics, University of Louisville, Medical Department: Visiting Physician Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home, Louisville, Ky.; Secretary of the Mississippi Valley Medical Association; Ex-Secretary and Ex-Chairman of the Section on Diseases of Children, American Medical Association; Ex-President American Association